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COUNTY COMMISSIONERS APPOINT TOBIN AS BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT-RETENTION ADMINISTRATOR

FREDERICK, MD -- The Board of County Commissioners today appointed Ron Tobin as business development-retention administrator, effective March 14, 2011. His position is on a contractual basis for one year at up to \$89,000 paid on a bi-weekly basis, and he will serve at the pleasure of the commissioners and report to County Manager Barry Stanton. He will receive no retirement or health care benefits and may be terminated at any time by the county commissioners.

The commissioners created this new, contractual position in order to emphasize greater priority in promoting job growth and creation, predictability for businesses, reducing unemployment, improving the current business climate in Frederick County and facilitating communication between businesses and officials of Frederick County Government.

Board President Blaine Young said, "We are very pleased to add Ron's unique skill sets to our executive team in county government. We are bringing him on board because we've heard from the voters and from the business community that they're not satisfied with the economic climate in Frederick County. We wanted a specialist like Ron, someone with his expertise and knowledge with both small business and large corporations – someone from our community who knows our community and lives in our community. We expect Ron to hit the ground running and make an immediate impact with area businesses.

"This board ran on an agenda that is pro-business because we were horrified to hear of the way businesses were treated. As we've said, it's 'no more business as usual' in Frederick County. We want to broadcast this message loud and clear that we are here to help our citizens with jobs and improve the employment opportunities in the county. We value feedback from our citizens and want them to know that we are open for their business, appreciate their business and want their business."

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Mr. Tobin previously served as executive assistant to Mayor Jeff Holtzinger of The City of Frederick from 2006-2009. Accomplishments during his tenure include support of economic development programs such as the Carroll Creek Project Phases I and II; completion of the Frederick Municipal Airport master plan; managing plans and construction of the All Saints Street parking garage; support for the Weinberg Center; overseeing the two-million dollar state grant to refurbish the Harry Grove stadium; spearheading of the Clustered Spires golf course refurbishment and enhancement project, and assisting with projects for the Planning Commission, Historic Planning Commission and other agencies.

Prior to that, he owned and operated Frederick Fudge and Ice Cream in the historic district of the city from 2003 – 2005, gaining an understanding of the trials and tribulations of running a small business.

From 1999-2002, Mr. Tobin was facilities administrator for The City of Frederick, appointed by Mayor James Grimes.

From 1995-1998, he was the owner and principal for HTB Washington LLC, in Washington, D.C., responsible for daily operations such as purchasing, human resources, payroll, finance and leasing.

Mr. Tobin also served as vice president of facility management services and chief operating officer of the Children's Real Estate Group at Children's Hospital National Medical Center in Washington, D.C., from 1984-1995.

From 1980-1984, Mr. Tobin served as acting director of the architect and engineering planning unit of the state of Oklahoma-Human Services Division.

President Young continued, "The board expects regular, open-session briefings from Ron on what's going on in the business community in Frederick County. We're going to double the amount of public information we disseminate about businesses. In addition, he will be open to assist our municipalities with their economic needs because we're all one county and share in the best interests of all residents. Let it also be known that this position is not about corporate welfare, but about streamlining bureaucracy and eliminating red tape."

With the appointment of Mr. Tobin, the board's executive team is now in place to further the strategic goals of the county. The team includes: The Board of County Commissioners, County Manager Barry Stanton, Assistant County Manager David Dunn and Special Projects Manager Michael Marschner.

Mr. Tobin attended the University of Oklahoma with studies in government and history, and also completed construction management courses from Oklahoma State University.

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“I look forward to the opportunity to facilitate the growth of business in Frederick County. I appreciate the confidence the Board of County Commissioners has extended to me to help them reach their strategic goals related to the business community. I have had extensive experience at The City of Frederick assisting businesses in the permitting, planning and construction areas and will apply those skills to helping all county businesses,” commented Mr. Tobin.

Mr. Tobin’s office will be located in the County Manager’s Office on the third floor of Winchester Hall, 12 East Church Street, Frederick, Md.

Mr. Tobin and his wife, Culleen, reside in Frederick, Md.

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